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public opinion, as follows:

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To All Who This May Concern:

I think that the Microsoft Company should not settle because they have already settled and agreed with the federal government and several other states on a criminal suit. This civil suit against Microsoft is for the financial compensation of Netscape. This claim against Microsoft will be hard to prove because Microsoft is an extremely prosperous and large company. Also, Netscape had taken many missteps in the marketing and product development, which enabled Microsoft to provide a continually better browser. Technology changes very quickly and the importance of taking advantage of solidifying and maintaining market positions is essential for each company to succeed. Netscape was not able to do these things. In addition, this matter is several years old and it would be very difficult to prove civil liabilities and new technologies that are constantly changing, since a great deal of the matter is "blurred." Finally, Netscape is not an independent country. AOL Time Warner purchased it and this company knew what they were buying since they bought Netscape less than two years ago.

"In 1899, Rockefeller, founder of the powerful Standard Oil Company, testified before a congressional commission that was investigating industrial combinations." This case describes the positive things about the combination of companies and the large amount of money that monopolies bring in. Also, money helps the economy grow and prosper; the idea of large businesses was that anyone can rise up to become rich and therefore this was a great way to have businesses.

This relates to the current because both companies were being sued because they were guilty of being monopolists. This is a crime because monopolies can take over the business world because they have large amounts of power, and many smaller companies must abide their rules. This makes monopolists rich companies who can set all the rules and have every other company listen to them.

**Sincerely,
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